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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN RECOGNITION

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1. THE FRG HAS ADOPTED A "WAIT AND SEE" POLICY WITH REGARD TO RECOGNITION OF A NEW ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. IT HAS PREPARED A SHORT STATEMENT CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING THREE ELEMENTS:

A. WELCOME OF INDEPENDENCE AND DECOLONIALIZATION OF ANGOLA;

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B. EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT

AND FUTURE OF COUNTRY; AND

C. MENTION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF DETERMINATION.

2. THE STATEMENT DELIBERATELY DOES NOT CONTAIN A REFERENCE TO RECOGNITION. IT WILL BE ADDRESSED TO NO ONE PARTY.

3. THE FRG IS STRIVING FOR A COMMON EC POSITION. THE FONOFF HAS TOLD US THAT THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED AT ROME ON OCTOBER 30 THAT NO MEMBER WOULD RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE CONTENDING MOVEMENTS. THE FRG IS CONSULTING URGENTLY WITH THE OTHER EC MEMBERS IN AN EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A COMMON STATEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 1 TO BE ISSUED BY THE EC. BELGIUM HAS ALSO CIRCULATED A DRAFT STATEMENT WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THE FRG TEXT, BUT DOES NOT CONTAIN A REFERENCE TO SELF DETERMINATION. AMONG THE EC MEMBERS, THE FONOFF REPORTS THAT THE UK IS THE MOST RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO A COMMON STATEMENT.

4. THE FONOFF ESTIMATE IS THAT THE EC MAY NOT AGREE ON A COMMON STATEMENT, AT WHICH POINT THE FRG INTENDS TO ISSUE ITS STATEMENT UNILATERALLY. HOWEVER, THE EC PLANS TO MEET AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 13 TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION, AND THE FRG MAY WITHHOLD ITS STATEMENT IN THE HOPES THAT A COMMON POSITION WILL EMERGE FROM THIS MEETING.

5. ACCORDING TO THE FONOFF, ALL FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES AGREED AT A MEETING IN LOURENCO MARQUES TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA. THE FRG'S ESTIMATE OF THE ACTION OTHER COUNTRIES WILL TAKE IS SIMILAR TO OURS.

6. THE FRG CONSUL GENERAL REPORTED BY TELEPHONE FROM LUANDA THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 10 THAT SHOOTING HAS INCREASED IN THE CAPITAL; THERE IS NO WATER; THERE IS ELECTRICITY; THE MPLA IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR A CELEBRATION OF SOME SORT ON THE 11TH; THE THREE CONTENDING MOVEMENTS ARE MAKING NO MOVES TO COME
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TOGETHER, AND THAT THE BENGUELA RAILROAD IS STILL INTERDICTED BY ELEMENTS OF THE MPLA. THE FONOFF ESTIMATES THAT THE MPLA CONTROLS ONLY ONE-FOURTH OF THE POPULATION AND TERRITORY.

7. WE WOULD WELCOME FURTHER INFORMATION TO EXCHANGE WITH THE FONOFF AS THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA EVOLVES.
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